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In re Application of: Charles R. Mathews et al.

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

This paper is responsive to the Office Action Mailed September 30, 2002. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (281) 379-7999.

REMARKS

The Examiner issued the instant Office Action in order to require restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-28; and

Group II: claims 29-40.

Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-28 (Group I) in the above-captioned application with traverse in part.

Applicants do not traverse the Examiner's grouping of the claims per se. However, Applicants note that the Examiner's basis for treating Group's I and II as distinct inventions may imply an unnecessary limitation as to the scope of elected claims 1-28. The language in question appears in the second paragraph of the instant Office Action as follows:

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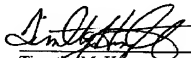
For example, in product claim 1, the Peltier effect heat transfer device is *coupled to* the insulating substrate instead of being formed *in* the insulating substrate, as recited in method claim 29. [Emphasis in original].

Applicants submit that the phrase "coupled to" in claims 1, 12 and 20 is intended to have the broadest possible meaning, including for example, a Peltier device positioned "in" an insulating substrate.

The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0365, Order No. AMDI:103/HON.

Respectfully submitted,

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